# FINANCE WITH MAP

### What is MAP?

Multifamily Accelerated Processing (MAP) is a proven process that enables HUD-approved lenders to prepare, process, and submit loan applications for Federal Housing Administration (FHA) multifamily mortgage insurance. MAP replaced previous "fast-track" procedures with a single national process for all multifamily offices of HUD.

#### What is FHA Mortgage Insurance?

FHA insures mortgages for new construction, substantial rehabilitation, and purchase, or refinance of apartment buildings. The insurance covers the lender if a borrower defaults on the insured loan. Insured mortgages have a fixed interest rate and are self-amortizing.

#### Why Use MAP?

MAP has standardized HUD's underwriting process by applying national standards, which provide greater lender responsibility and control. The result is a process that creates more timely and consistent end results.

#### **How Can MAP Help You?**

The following are 8 good reasons why you should choose an FHA-insured loan:

- 1. Expedited decisions on loan applications [45 days for Section 223(f), 60 days for Section 221(d)(4) and 30 days for Section 223(a)(7)].
- 2. Predictability-lenders underwrite and HUD reviews.
- 3. Consistency- national standards for application submissions.
- 4. Long-term financing- up to 40 years.
- 5. Federal guarantee- results in a AAA bond rating on financing, which provides credit enhancement for tax exempt bonds and Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTCs).
- 6. Eligible for securitization by GNMA.
- 7. FHA-insured loans are non-recourse.
- 8. FHA loans are assumable.

# **Eligible Multifamily HUD Programs**

- \* Multifamily housing under Sections 221(d)(3), 221(d)(4), 231, and Section 220 programs for new construction or substan- \* Refis of Section 236 projects with interest tial rehabilitation of multifamily housing.
- \* Section 223(f) programs for the purchase or refinancing of existing multifamily housing.
- \* Refis of Section 202 housing for the elderly.
- reduction payments.
- \* Section 223(a)(7) program for the Refi of exist ing debt, completion of required repairs which result in lower interest rate & debt service.



# **Special points of interest:**

- \*How Can MAP Help You?
- \*Eligible Multifamily Programs
- \*Quick MAP Facts
- \*Primary MAP Programs
- \*Processing Steps
- \*Web Site Addresses
- \*Key Philadelphia Hub Staff

# **QUICK MAP FACTS**

- MAP is a response to a need to modernize and streamline the FHA mortgage insurance program.
- MAP was created in response to lenders who value FHA mortgage insurance and wanted to see its expansion in the marketplace.
- The goal of MAP is to establish HUD as the #1 multifamily finance source.
- MAP strikes a balance between expedited processing and acceptable risks.
- MAP efficiently utilizes HUD staff resources by balancing workload among the Program Centers within each of the 18 Hubs.
- MAP recognizes that employees who specialize in a specific program, perform better than those who must work several program areas.
- The MAP Guide was designed with Field, Headquarters, and lender input.
- MAP establishes specific norms and timeframes for work to be accomplished.
- MAP provides consistency of reviews, but flexibility in the administration of FHA program underwriting.
- There are 91 FHA-approved MAP lenders.
- In FY12, 1,247 loans were initially endorsed (\$13.05 billion).

# PRIMARY MAP PROGRAMS

## Section 221(d)(3), 221(d)(4), and 231 - New Construction and Substantial Rehabilitation for Rental Housing

- Fixed interest rate (market)
- Non-recourse & assumable
- 5 or more units
- No cap on the number of units or the loan amount
- Statutory limits vary by location
- Construction financing
- Davis-Bacon wage rates
- 40-year term
- LTV (loan-to-value) 83.3% 95%
- DSC (debt service constant) 83.3% - 90%
- DSCR (debt service coverage ratio) 1.11 - 1.20
- 2 Step Processing

# Section 223(f)- Refinance (non-Section 202)

- Projects must be at least 3 years' old and remain rental housing for at least 5 years (waivers may apply)
- Fixed interest rate (market)
- Non-recourse & assumable
- 5 or more units
- No cap on the number of units or the loan amount
- Statutory limits vary by location
- No Davis-Bacon rates
- Equity take-outs possible
- 35-year term or 75% of remaining economic life
- LTV 83.3% 87%
- DSC 83.3% 87%
- DSCR 1.15 1.20
- 1 Step Processing

## Section 202 Refinancing-Housing for the Elderly, (pursuant to Section 223(f)

- Fixed interest rate (market)
- Non-recourse & assumable
- No statutory limits
- 35-yr. term
- LTV 90%
- DSC 90%
- DSCR 1.11
- 1 Step Processing

## Section 223(a)(7) Refinance of HUD Insured Multifamily Properties

- Fixed rate (Market)
- Non-recourse & Assumable
- No Davis Bacon rates
- Term may not exceed remaining term; or Up to 12 years beyond original term
- LTV 90%
- DSC 90%
- 1 Step Processing

#### PROCESSING STEPS

### **Step 1- Initial Project Evaluation**

- 1. Lender's development team is approved by lender (i.e., Appraiser, Underwriter, Market Analyst, Cost Estimator, Architectural Analyst, and Construction Analyst).
- 2. Lender submits the Pre-Application or Firm Application, as applicable for the type of mortgage insurance.
- 3. HUD Appraiser and EMAD Economist perform desk review and market analysis.
- 4. EMAD review provided to Team Leader and Appraiser.
- 5. HUD Appraiser makes final recommendation to Team Leader regarding market demand for the project. A qualified appraiser or an independent market analyst may prepare the market study.
- 6. MAP design team recommends applications for new construction/sub. rehab. under Section 221(d)(3)(4) or Section 220. The Pre-Application evaluation consists of a review of the appraisal, market study, site analysis (including Phase I environmental), schematic drawings, and determination of rents.
- 7. HUD Appraiser performs a site visit of the project and comparables to verify appraiser's conclusions.
- 8. HUD completes the environmental assessment.
- 9. HUD reviews hard and soft costs and operating expenses based on comparable data.

### **Step 2- Firm Commitment**

- MAP Lender submits either a Pre-Application (NC/SR) or a Firm Application (including Form 2264 and 2264A) from sponsor and performs complete underwriting of the application. This includes the architectural, cost, appraisal and credit reviews.
- Each HUD technician reviews the lender's reports, the assigned sections of the HUD Form 2264, and 2264A, the underwriting (income/expenses, land/ building value, replacement cost, and est. mortgage), the summary, previous participation, etc.
- 3. After the Team Leader is satisfied that the reviews have been completed and the loan has been properly underwritten, he/she recommends to the Hub Director or the Program Center Director that the commitment to insure be issued.
- 4. The MAP Lender's servicer must also review the loan application to insure that it is satisfactory and suitable for HUD insurance.

#### **Responsibilities Retained By HUD**

- Environmental (HUD Form 4128).
- Previous Participation Approval.
- Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan.
- Change orders, waivers, and time extensions.

# Web Site Addresses and Key Hub Contacts

HUD's Multifamily Accelerated Processing (MAP) website has a wealth of information about the process.

Topics include: MAP Guide, Q & A, Loan Closing Documents, Approved Lender List, MAP Statistics, and more. See:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program\_offices/housing/mfh/map/maphome

Also, descriptions of HUD development programs can be found at:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/
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